

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for producing a shaped article having a color swirl effect on the surface
5 comprising:

- a) providing a first color concentrate comprising a first colorant carried in
a mixture of a crystalline organic polymer and an amorphous organic
polymer, and optionally, providing a second color concentrate
10 comprising a second colorant carried in an amorphous organic
polymer, which amorphous polymer is compatible with the polymers
used as carriers for the first colorant;
- b) providing a flowable organic polymer that is compatible with the color
concentrates of step a);
- c) transferring the color concentrates of step a) and the flowable organic
15 polymer of step b) to an extruder or molding machine capable of
producing shaped articles;
- d) providing sufficient heat to maintain the temperature of the mixture of
step c) above the glass transition temperatures of the polymers of steps
a) and b) and above the temperatures at which the amorphous polymers
20 of step a) melt or flow, but below the melting or flow temperature of
the crystalline polymer of step a);
- e) forming a shaped article by providing sufficient pressure and mixing
necessary to produce a shaped article and thereby distributing the color
concentrates so as to impart a color swirl effect on the surface of the
25 shaped article.